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Curriculum Vitae (2018)

Education

January 2017

Koç University (Istanbul)

PhD. in Political Science and International Relations

Majored in: Comparative Politics, Political Theory

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu

Thesis Title: Home States and Homeland Politics: Turkish State and Its Emigrants in France and the United States

September 2009

Sciences Po Paris (Paris)

M.A. "Politics and Society in Europe", specialty of Public Policy

Supervisor: Dr. Sophie Jacquot

Thesis Title: The Europeanization of Women's NGOs in Turkey: The cases of KADER and KAGİDER

June 2008

Galatasaray University (Istanbul)

B.A. Letters and Science faculty, Sociology Department

Supervisor: Dr. Didem Danış

Dissertation Title: Diaspora politics of Iraqi Turks in Turkey

Fall 2006

Université Paris 5 Sorbonne (Paris)

Exchange student on Sociology

Research Interests

International Migration, Asylum, Migration Policies, Transnationalism, Diaspora Studies, Civil Society, Europeanization.

Work Experience

November 2017-

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

Koc University. CEASEVAL project, which focuses on the evaluation of Common European Asylum System, funded under the European Commission's Horizon2020 program.

October 2016-2018

COORDINATOR

Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc)

Sept.-Dec. 2017

PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR

Koç University, Department of Sociology (teaching Research Methods in Social Sciences).

Sept. 2011-Nov. 2015

FELLOW RESEARCHER

Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc)

February-October 2015

RESEARCH FELLOW

Koc University. National researcher for European Union FP7 Funded "Learning for Female African Migrants' Solidarity" (LeFAMSol) curriculum development project for hard to reach groups of adults, oriented towards cultural mediation and peer training.

<i>February-May 2015</i>	RESEARCH FELLOW National researcher for International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) project entitled “Study on smuggling of migrants: characteristics, responses and cooperation with third countries” on the case study of Pakistan-Turkey-Greece migration route.
<i>Oct.- May 2010</i>	RESEARCH ASSISTANT Galatasaray University, collaborative project with Institut Français du Proche-Orient (IFPO), The Refugee Studies Center (RSC) University of Oxford, University of East London (UEL) and The American University in Cairo (AUC) to investigate patterns of population displacement in and from Iraq and the circumstances which facilitate/ inhibit return.
<i>Oct.-December 2009</i>	RESEARCH ASSISTANT Turkish field in a collaborative project of The Somalia Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF Somalia) with Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies Program of the American University of Cairo on the transit migration of Somali people.
<i>July 2007</i>	RESEARCH ASSISTANT TUBITAK project held by Galatasaray University on “Identity construction of young population through the usage of technology and leisure time in Istanbul’s disadvantage communities”.
<i>June 2007</i>	RESEARCH ASSISTANT Sorbonne University research on public spaces and <i>public gardens</i> in Bağcılar.
<i>May 2006</i>	RESEARCH ASSISTANT Institut Français d’Etudes Anatoliennes research on “Street merchants of Istanbul: Urban presence of a commercial offer in perpetual spatial recomposition”

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

<i>2014</i>	Visiting fellow, Center for Urban Research, City University of New York
<i>2014</i>	The Scientific and Research Council of Turkey travel grant for academic research (BIDEB 2214-A)
<i>2013</i>	The Scientific and Research Council of Turkey travel grant
<i>2013</i>	Koç University travel grant
<i>2013</i>	Turkish Third Sector Foundation travel grant
<i>2011</i>	Koç University travel grant
<i>2011</i>	Honorary Mention, Sabancı University Gender and Women’s Studies Forum, Dicle Koğacioğlu Article Awards
<i>2010-2015</i>	Koç University Scholarship Award for PhD Studies
<i>2009</i>	EU Jean Monnet Scholarship Award for Postgraduate Studies
<i>2006</i>	Erasmus Scholarship for Graduate Studies

Publications

Books

Aksel, Damla B. (*forthcoming*) Home States and Homeland Politics: Interactions between the Turkish State and its Emigrants in France and the United States, under contract with Routledge.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Deniz Yüksek, Damla B. Aksel (Eds.) (2013) *Migration around Turkey: Old Phenomena, New Research*, Isis Press.

Peer Reviewed Journals

Aksel, Damla B. (2017) "Köken Devlet ve Sınır-aşan Sivil Toplum Politikaları: Türkiye Örneği", *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi*, 14(56): 55-71. *SSCI Indexed Journal*.

Şebnem K. Akçapar & Damla B. Aksel (2017) "Public Diplomacy through Diaspora Engagement: The Case of Turkey", *Perceptions*, Vol. 22, Winter 2017.

Aksel, Damla B. (2016) "Engaging Turkey's Emigrants", Vol. V, Issue 11, pp.6 – 14, Centre for Policy and Research on Turkey (ResearchTurkey), London, Research Turkey.

Aksel, Damla B. (2015) "Devlet Eliyle Yurtdışına Çevre Göçü Örneği: İşçi Göçü Dönemi Uygulanan Afet Kotası", *İdeal Kent Dergisi*. 14.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2014) "Negotiating Readmission Agreement between the EU and Turkey: Two-to-Tango", *European Journal of Migration and Law*, 16(3). *SSCI Indexed Journal*.

Aksel, Damla B. (2014) "Kins, distant workers, diasporas: Constructing Turkey's transnational members abroad", *Turkish Studies*, 15(2). *SSCI Indexed Journal*.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2013) "Turkish Migration Policies: A Critical Historical Retrospective", *Perceptions*, Autumn 2013.

Bayraktar-Aksel, Damla (2012) "Transnationalism and hybridity in the art of Hussein Chalayan". *Trespassing Journal*: 1 (Spring 2012).

Book Chapters

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2015) "Migration Realities and State Responses: Rethinking International Migration Policies in Turkey", in Stephen Castles, Malena Arias and Derya Özkul (Eds.), *Social Transformation and Migration: National and Local Experiences in South Korea, Turkey, Mexico and Australia*, Palgrave Publishing.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2015) "Introduction" in Ahmet İçduygu and Biriz Karacay (Eds.), *Critical Reflections in Migration Research*, Istanbul: Koc University Press.

Danış, Didem & Damla B. Aksel (2014) "Türkiye-İrak sınır yönetiminde devlet ve yeni idare biçimleri" (State and New Governance Patterns in the Management of Turkish-Iraqi border), in Didem Danış and İbrahim Soysüren (Eds.), *Sınır Dışı ve Sınır Üzerine Disiplinlerarası Bakışlar* (Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Deportation and Border), Notabene Publishing.

Aksel, Damla B. & Didem Danış (2014) "Diverse Facets of Europeanization at the Iraqi-Turkish Border" in Nurcan Özgür Baklacioğlu and Yeşim Özer (Eds.) *Migration, Asylum and Refugees in Turkey: Studies in the Control of Population at the Southeastern Borders of the EU*, Edwin Mellen Press.

Bayraktar, Damla (2014) "Türkiye'deki Kadın Derneklerinin Avrupalılaşması: Kader ve Kagider Örnekleri", in Şule Kut, Hasret Dikici Bilgin, Zeynep Alemdar, Umut Azak (Eds.), *Genç Araştırmacılar Tartışıyor. Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği VIII. Lisansüstü Konferansı Bildirileri Seçkisi*, İstanbul: Okan Üniversitesi Yayınları.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Deniz Yüksek & Damla B. Aksel (2013) "Intersections between Internal and International Migration Research: A Research Agenda for the Future", in *Migration around Turkey: Old Phenomena, New Research*, İstanbul: Isis Press.

Other Publications

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2018) *Turkey and International Migration, 2016-2017*, Report Prepared for The Annual Meeting of the OECD Expert Group on Migration, Paris, October 29-31th 2018: İstanbul.

Aksel, Damla B. (2017). *Sosyoloji ve Sosyal Bilimler*, translation of Ezra Park's *Sociology and Social Sciences* to Turkish, İstanbul: Pinhan Yayıncılık.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2017) *Turkey and International Migration, 2016-2017*, Report Prepared for The Annual Meeting of the OECD Expert Group on Migration, Paris, October 2-4th 2017: İstanbul.

Aksel, Damla B. (2016) *Kadınların Özgürleşmesi*, translation of John Stuart Mill's *Subjection of Women* to Turkish, İstanbul: Pinhan Yayıncılık.

Aksel, Damla B. (2015) "Review of Diasporas and Homeland Conflicts: A Comparative Perspective, Bahar Baser, *Ashgate, 2015*", *Changing Turkey in a Changing World*.

Aksel, Damla B. & Jenny Andersson-Pucher, Angeliki Dimitriadi, Michaela Marouf, Maegan Hendow, Ahmet İçduygu, Ayşem Biriz Karaçay (2015) *Study on Smuggling of Migrants. Characteristics, Responses and Cooperation with Third Countries. Case Study 3: Pakistan-Turkey-Greece*. International Centre for Migration Policy Development.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2015) *Turkey and International Migration, 2014-2015*, Report Prepared for The Annual Meeting of the OECD Expert Group on Migration, Paris, October 12-14th 2015: İstanbul.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2012) *Irregular Migration in Turkey*, International Organization for Migration: Ankara.

Kancı, Tuğba, & Damla Bayraktar, Bahar Rumelili, Fuat Keyman (2010) *Women in Turkey and Their Acts of European Citizenship*. Enacting European Citizenship (ENACT) Deliverable, The Open University.

Danış, Didem, & Damla Bayraktar (2010) *Away from Iraq: Post 2003 Iraqi Migration to Neighboring Countries and to Turkey*, ORSAM Report No. 20.

Working Papers

Aksel, Damla B. & Ahmet İçduygu. "Vulnerable Permanency in Mass Influx: The Case of Syrians in Turkey."

İçduygu, Ahmet, Damla B. Aksel & Salih Tosun (submitted) "Exploring the New Emigration Trends from Turkey."

Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals: Ethnic and Racial Studies, Mediterranean Politics, Turkish Studies.

Invited Talks

September 15, 2018. Between Rapprochement and Rejection: Identity and Culture Drivers in the Europe-Turkey Relations, PhD Workshop organized as part of the H2020 Project FEUTURE, Koc University.

November 22, 2017. Turkish European Center (TEZ) at Hamburg University: Turkey's Long History as Destination: From Temporariness to Integration. Hamburg.

April 8-9, 2015. French Consulate General in Istanbul, Conference on 50th anniversary of the Bilateral Labor Recruitment Agreement signed between Turkey and France and doctoral workshop entitled The Studies of Young Researchers on Turkish Immigration to France: Migrants from Turkey and Their Relations with the Turkish State. Istanbul.

Conferences

July 3, 2018. International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) Conference: Borders and the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers in the European Union: Insights from Turkey. Barcelona.

September 19, 2017. International Metropolis Conference 2017: Turkish State and Its 'Diasporas' in the Post-2000 Period. The Hague.

December 5, 2015. Türkiye'de Düzensiz Göç Marmara Bölge Çalıştayı. Eğitim Dairesi Başkanlığı Göç Araştırmaları Merkezi ve İstanbul İl Göç İdaresi Müdürlüğü, İstanbul Üniversitesi Kongre ve Kültür Merkezi. Istanbul.

October 12-14, 2015. The Annual Meeting of the OECD Expert Group on Migration, participation as the expert on migration from Turkey. Paris.

November 19, 2013. Gediz University Fall Seminar: To Open it or Not? New Ways of Governmentality in Iraqi-Turkish Border (co-authored with Didem Danış). İzmir.

September 9-13, 2013. International Metropolis Conference: Migration Realities and State Responses: Rethinking International Migration Policies in Turkey (co-authored with Ahmet İçduygu). Tampere.

August 22-23, 2013. University of Sydney, STIM Workshop: Migration Realities and State Responses: Rethinking International Migration Policies in Turkey (co-authored with Ahmet İçduygu). Sydney.

April 18, 2013. Columbia University, Association for the Study of Nationalities Convention: Kins, Distant Workers, Diasporas: Constructing Turkey's Transnational Members Abroad. New York.

April 6, 2013. International Studies Association 54th Annual Convention: Triangular Nexus of Migration, Security and Economy: Evidence from Turkish-Iraqi Border (co-authored with Didem Danış). San Francisco.

July 13, 2012. International Society for Third-Sector Research, "Democratization, Marketization and the Third Sector" Conference: Tracing the Boomerang Pattern in Turkey. Siena.

December 17, 2011. Sabancı University, Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Prize Conference: Yarı zamanlı çalışanlar, tam zamanlı anneler: "Muhafazakar küresellik" döneminde kadınların istihdamı ve bakım hizmetleri (Part time employees, full time mothers: Women's employment and care work in the rule of "conservative globalism).

October 20, 2011. Galatasaray University, 9th "European days" at Galatasaray University, Conference on "Gender Questions in Europe and in Turkey": Part time employees, full time mothers: Women's employment and care work in the rule of "conservative globalism". Istanbul.

June 17, 2011. Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA), 8th Convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association: Asylum and Migration Across the Turkish-Iraqi Border. Istanbul.

May 14, 2011. Koç University, Europeanization PhD Conference: Europeanization of migration policy and effects on civil society: The Turkish Case. Istanbul.

May 7-8, 2011. London Middle East Institute SOAS, A Middle East PhD Students International Conference & Poster Presentation: Poster Presentation on Europeanization of migration policy and effects on civil society: The Turkish Case. London.

May 6, 2011. London School of Economics and Political Science, Turkish Studies PhD Conference: Europeanization of migration policy and effects on civil society: The Turkish Case. London.

December 4, 2010. The Turkish Political Science Association, 8th Graduate Conference: The Europeanization of Women's NGOs in Turkey: Cases of Kader and Kagider. Istanbul.

Languages

Turkish: native

English : advanced in reading, writing and speaking

French : advanced in reading, writing and speaking

Spanish: beginner

Other

2017 & 2018

MIGRATION RESEARCH CENTER AT KOC UNIVERSITY, Istanbul

Organizer to summer school on "Migration and Children: Reflections on Voluntary and Forced Migration" and "Prospects for Good Governance The Local-Global Nexus"

2013, 2014 & 2015

MIGRATION RESEARCH CENTER AT KOC UNIVERSITY, Istanbul

Participant to summer school on "The Political Economy of Migration", "Diasporas and Transnational Communities" and "International Migration in the Post-Soviet State"

May -December 2013

TRT BROADCASTING CHANNEL, Istanbul

Academic advisor to TRT Broadcasting Documentary on Gülcemal (*Gul Djemal*) Vessel, which was used for the transportation of immigrants during the late Ottoman Period and the early Republican Period.

October 2010

TURKISH MINISTRY OF CULTURE GRANT

Cinematography grant for the environmental dystopian screenplay project entitled "Barikat" (Barricade).

July 2009

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, London

Summer school on "Global Politics of Protest and Change"

2002-2007

DETAY, Student journal of GSU

Reporter, news editor between 2004-2006

Feb.- June 2003

European Union Certificate Program of CREDE at Galatasaray University

Dec 2002- June 2003

TÜRKİYE EĞİTİM GÖNÜLLÜLERİ ASSOCIATION, Istanbul (NGO)

Voluntary computer teacher